

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Page 3, fifth full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:**

Fig. 4(b) is a partial sectional view showing formation of a stiffened panel of Fig. 4(a) by a conventional method;

**Page 3, sixth full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:**

Fig. 5 is a partial sectional view showing formation of a stiffened panel, where a temperature resistant tape is stuck to a preformed stiffener member and jigs by a conventional method; and

**Page 3, seventh full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:**

Fig. 6 is a partial sectional view showing formation of a stiffened panel, where jigs fall down while forming by a conventional method.

**Page 4, first full paragraph, delete in its entirety, and replace with the following:**

As shown in Fig. 2, the stiffened panel is produced by a method comprising the steps of: placing ~~an~~ a skin member 2 and a preformed stiffener member 31 each made of a fiber-reinforced composite on a forming tool 4; disposing the jigs 5a and 5b on the preformed stiffener member 31; providing the auxiliary jig 6 according to the present invention between the jigs 5a and 5b; and integrally forming the skin member 2 and the preformed stiffener member 31 by heating under a pressure.

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The elastic portion 62 acts to restrain the resin contained in the fiber-reinforced composite from flowing out from the interspace between the jigs 5a and 5b. The elastic portion is preferably made of an elastomer high in flexibility and thermal resistance, more preferably made of a silicone rubber or a teflon rubber. Of these, the silicone rubber is particularly preferable from the viewpoints of releasability and liquid injection moldability. If the entire auxiliary jig of the present invention is made of a rigid material such as aluminum, etc., there is a case where the resin contained in the fiber-reinforced composite flows out from interspaces between the jigs and the auxiliary jig. The elastic portion is pressed to the jigs by the forming pressure, whereby the interspaces between the jigs and the auxiliary jig ~~is~~are sufficiently sealed to more effectively restrain the resin from flowing out. ~~Shape~~The shape of the elastic portion is not particularly limited if only it can be stuck to the jigs.